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Editorial Comment

DOWN TO EARTH

From Winchester Star

There may be millions of Japanese who still regard Emperor Hirohito as divine but the Son of Heaven himself now has painful but convincing proof that he is just like any other mortal. Previously the emperor was exempt from the come tax which is all too likely by itself, to give a man delusions.

But under a new statute, Hirohito has had at his special immunity. He has just filed his first income tax return. If this doesn't bring him down to earth nothing will. It must be extremely difficult to feel like a divinity after wrestling with an income tax form and handing over 30 per cent of what come in to the government, which is approximately what Hirohito pays in one of Japan's wealthiest citizens.

A POOR COMPARISON

From Ashland Herald-Progress

The New York Times, in a thoughtful article on the plight of Negro schools discloses the disturbing fact that America now lags behind other leading nations in the effort it is making to educate its children.

According to The Times, America now spends 1.5% of its income for the schools. Great Britain spends an estimated 3 per cent; the Soviet Union spends 7.5 per cent.

How well we fare in the world of tomorrow depends very largely upon what kind of young men and women we are to face tomorrow's problems. It is not pleasant to know that our two great neighbors are taking the task more seriously than we are.

OUR FOREIGN POLICY COMES OF AGE

From Halifax Gazette

Few people will fail to applaud the appointment of General George C. Marshall as Secretary of State and only a few who still insist on imitating the ostrich and burying their heads in the sand can take exception to the General's call for unity and military training as a means of giving strength into our foreign policy.

The time has passed when we could afford to do a 'wait and see' job in the international politics which now exist. We must keep our foreign service up with the olive branch waving to do business with men swinging clubs and brickbats. It's high time we realized that the international league is neither one for a bully nor a pantywaist and that if we want to come out with a victory - or our hides - we had better send a competitor who has the wherewithal to stick around for the final say so.

General Marshall can talk tough with the nations who understand only a tough language only if this nation will not vacillate and pussyfoot again as it did in the dreadful days era between the two world wars. It is patent that we want no part of the other side has, but if we want to keep the things that we've got we would do well to back up the General. Universal military training is against our traditional American principles but we must remember that there are nations who don't give a hoot for our principles unless by our rigid adherence to them we pave the way for their aggrandizement.

We're sending a man across this time. He has a man's job. All will be well if we give him the backing to implement a foreign policy that seems now to be coming of age.

TIME TO LISTEN

From Pittsylvania Tribune

The supervisors and school board members heard what the people had to say, through their representatives, at their joint meeting on Wednesday. Summed up, it reads "Let's save our schools by making the teaching profession attractive to the right people, even if it means more taxes." The feeling seemed to be unanimous among all the present.

"More taxes" are fighting words especially in these high-tax days, and we hope it won't be necessary, but when the people call for a raise it's time to listen.

LILIENTHAL AND THE PRESS

From Petersburg Progress-Index

A sampling survey of the American press made by a reporter of the Washington Post reveals that the Lilienthal nomination is overwhelmingly supported by the newspapers of the country. A study of 344 papers showed that 76 per cent favor the nomination, 12 per cent or less oppose it, and the remainder have not taken a definite stand.

In itself this is a remarkable compliment to David Lilienthal, and incidently it presents a situation which requires explaining. One of the objections to the nominee is that he is an extreme liberal; Mr. Hearst and others would have us believe the newspapers, democratic or republican, with few exceptions are conservative to the point of being reactionary. Thus it would seem to follow that the newspapers or at least a majority of them should be found opposing Mr. Lilienthal for the chairmanship of the atomic energy commission or anything else and that such opposition would be visible in even the most unscientific sampling of press opinion.

Obviously something is wrong. Could it be that the newspapers, in spite of the generalizations so cherished by their critics, endeavor to consider these questions as they arise on the basic of their merits?

FARM DEBT

From almost its very beginning agriculture has been troubled by mortgages on the land it tilled. This month Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson revealed incidentally that mortgages on U.S. farms had reached their lowest level in 32 years: a billion dollars.

The record was testimony to the judgment of U. S. farmers that more than two billion dollars had been retired in less than 5 years. It was evidence, too, that a potential asset had been laid aside against the uncertainties of the postwar years.—From DeMA News.

BASEBALL NOT INVOLVED

From Blackstone Courier-Record

The suspicion that big-time gamblers have been attempting to fix baseball games and boxing matches has caused the owners of baseball to redouble their determination to keep the game above suspicion.

Mr. Ford Frick, president of the National League, points out that in seventy years of organized baseball, some 70,000 games have been played and that of 7,000 players, only fourteen have ever been found guilty of attempting to throw or having knowledge of a thrown game . . . and not a single umpire has ever been accused of dishonesty or found guilty of connivance."

This is a good record and probably explains, in part, the interest that so many Americans take in the outcome of professional baseball games. The major leagues have become big business. The 400-odd players of a single major league draw close to $3,500,000 in salaries for six months' actual work. Moreover, they are now protected by a fund, contributed largely by the owners of the clubs, to provide life incomes for baseball players.

Jefferson relics are found in Paris.

Kinkaid says U. S. must stay armed.

Stassen visits Europe.

Fertilizer supply to be short of demand.

China crisis is laid to banking evils.

Taft says 20 per cent in taxes is feasible.

Sharp cut in army of Austria is urged by Big Four deputies.

Planners see new United Nations home ready by 1948 meeting.

Lynchburg plans use of natural gas at savings to consumers.

U. S. and Britain join to break Nazi subversive movement in occupied Germany.

Former governor Ellis Arnall, of Georgia, says eradication of hatred is vital to U. S.

Plan approved to dissolve Prussia.

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LESSON FOR MARCH 2

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JESUS SUMS UP HIS CLAIMS

LESSON TEXT—John 12:12-16, 20-32.
MEMORY SELECTION—And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.—John 12:32.

The last week of our Lord's ministry on earth comes before us today as we consider two events—one of which occurred on Sunday and the other on Tuesday. One sees here the attitude of men toward Christ as the Son of God toward men, of the Father toward the Son, and the magnet drawing power of the Saviour.

I. Believing Men Honor Christ (vv. 12-16).

God says, "Him that honor with praise glorifieth me" (Ps. 5:23), and the believer recognizes that "praise is comely for the upright" (Ps. 33:1). Jesus is accepting of the praise of every heart and voice.

Presenting himself as the Messiah, Jesus receives the enthusiastic acclaim of his disciples and friends who were probably joined by others drawn by the excitement.

The Pharisees did not join (Luke 19:39, 40), nor did they even knowing who he was (Matt. 21:10, 11). So it is today; some love and praise him, some hate him, others just ignore him. Of which class are you?

He gave Jerusalem and the nation a final opportunity to receive him. It was not yet too late, but it was their last chance. Such a time comes in the life of every one of us. They rejected him. Do we?

But even though some did reject, let us not forget that there were those who shouted, "Hosanna" as they cast their garments down before him and waved palms of victory and joy. Thank God for their holy enthusiasm. Pray God that we may have a little more of it.

II. God Honors Men Who Serve Christ (vv. 20-26).

It is good to note that whatever prompted the coming of the Greeks, they wanted to see Jesus.

A man has progressed far on the road to blessing when he makes known his desire to see Jesus. Coming to him means coming to the One who has the words of eternal life.

Note that the disciples were wise enough to bring the men to Jesus. The true function of every Christian worker is to bring men to him.

The reply of our Lord to the Greeks, and to the disciples who brought them to him, seems a bit singular at first glance. Did he not wish to receive them? They had probably come to see the great religious leader, the King of the Jews—why did he talk about death?

The words of our Lord are clear. Men do not need an example, a leader, a teacher; they need a Saviour. It is as a sacrifice for sin that Christ will draw all men unto himself.

III. The Father Glorifies the Son (vv. 27-30).

The awful blackness of the burden of the world's sins which he was to bear pressed down upon our Lord in an agony of soul beyond our ability to understand. But even his troubled soul did not turn from the hour of death for us.

The question of verse 27 is essentially this: "Should I ask the Father to deliver me from this hour? No, I came to be man's Saviour." He did not look away, nor wish to turn back. He knew why he had come, and he was faithful even to death (Phil. 2:8; Heb. 2:9).

He had only one desire—that the name of God the Father should be glorified (v. 28). Do we who bear his holy name follow in his footsteps? Do we have an eye single to his glory—or do we seek our own?

Then came the voice from heaven; the Father had glorified his own name in the Son, and would do it again—yes, again and again.

Jesus knew the Father would do it, he did not need any assurance (v. 30), but for the sake of the people the witness was given. Notice the reaction of the listeners—some recognized that a heavenly message had been given; others had only heard some thunder.

May God give us grace to hear his voice when he speaks, and not consider it merely the rolling of some deep voice of thunder!

IV. The Son Draws All Men to Himself (vv. 31, 32).

Because Christ was lifted up on the cross and died, there is victory over sin and death, declared by his resurrection and ascension to the Father.

Satan is still at liberty in the world, but he is defeated (John 16:11). Death still comes, but the sting is gone for the Christian (I Cor. 15:55-57). The world is still fighting our Lord, but he is drawing men to himself here and there throughout the world.

One day he will come as King of kings and Lord of lords, to declare in its finality the victory which has already been won.

We should be reminded anew that it is Christ the Saviour who will draw men if we will only exalt him in our preaching and teaching. Let us do it!

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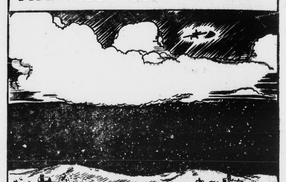
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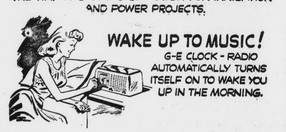
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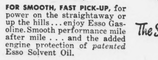
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COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement of Appomattox County showing Resources and Disbursements for the year beginning July 1, 1945 and ending June 30, 1946.

RECEIPTS

Balance	44,904.74
Current taxes	20,673.95
Delinquent taxes collected and land redemptions	777.16
Circuit fees	263.70
County Licenses, etc.	161.75
Commonwealth's Atty. fees	8.57
Sheriff fees	85.78
Sale of Sundry Materials, etc.	140.55
Interest on funds	281.94
Refunds	67.70
State Forester	954.55
Recoveries from Estates	9.85
Contributions for Roads, etc.	410.09
Miscellaneous items	19.15
Share of A. B. C. Profits	21,228.33
Share of Wine tax	1,293.89
Board of Prisoners (Refund)	498.65
Commonwealth's Physician ..... (Refund)	1.50
Registration taxes returned	1,000.00
Public Assistance grants - State	8,492.13
" " " - Federal	8,742.25
Motor Vehicle Carriers Tax	169.54
Constitutional Amendment Election (refund)	416.55
Transfers from Dog Tax fund	2,543.84
	$ 66,989.12

DISBURSEMENTS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION:

Board of Supervisors - Comp. and mileage of members	623.00
Compensation of Clerk and Road orders	250.00
Advertising	74.17
Auditing by Public Accountants	425.00
County Finance Board:	
Compensation of members	65.60
	$ 1,437.77

ASSESSMENT OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY -

Commissioner of Revenue - Compensation	1,366.68
Compensation of Clerk	576.67
Surety Bond premium	3.34
Postage, Telephone and Telegraph	16.66
Traveling expense	166.54
Stationery, office supplies, etc.	30.84
Examiner of Records - Commission	4.38
	$ 2,164.91

COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF TAXES:

Compensation of Treasurer	1,466.64
Compensation of Deputies	1,600.00
Advertising	13.50
Premiums on surety bonds	13.35
Repairs to office equipment	43.00
Postage, telephone and telegraph	160.16
Traveling expense	10.00
Stationery, office supplies, etc.	362.87
	$ 3,669.52

RECORDING OF DOCUMENTS:

County Clerk: Compensation	1,100.00
Recording Delinquent land sales	25.10
Compensation of Deputies and office assists.	220.00
Compensation of Auditor of Public Accounts	91.45
Postage, Telephone and Telegraph	20.00
Abstraction Record book	278.60
Stationery, office supplies, etc.	103.21
	$ 1,838.56

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:

Circuit Court:

Compensation of Judge	401.18
Compensation of Jurors and witnesses	252.80
Compensation of members of Jury Com.	15.00

TRIAL JUSTICE COURT:

Postage, telephone and telegraph	50.46
Stationery, office supplies, etc.	51.94
Compensation	700.00
	$1,520.77

CRIME PREVENTION AND DETECTION:

Policing and Investigating:

Compensation of Sheriff	400.00
Compensation of Deputies	56.63
Compensation of Clerk	91.67
Compensation of Special Police	190.50
Surety bond premium	13.65
Radio Set (two-way)	465.00
Postage, telephone and telegraph	12.56
Traveling expense	12.21

Confinement and care of Prisoners:

Board of Prisoners	398.50
Electric Current	46.70
Laundry	15.90
Cleaning materials and supplies	3.60
Medical supplies	7.50
	$ 1,750.52

Fire Prevention and Extinction:

Forest Fire extinction service	267.77

PUBLIC WELFARE:

Compensation of Members	300.00
Compensation of Superintendent	1,800.00
Compensation of Welfare Aids, Clerks, etc.	1,440.00
Premium on Surety Bond	5.00
Postage, telephone and telegraph	140.72
Traveling expense - Superintendent and case worker	780.80
Travelling expense - Board members	12.50
Stationery, office supplies, etc.	70.86

Public Assistance - Federal - State - and Local:

General relief	1,582.47
Old Age Assistance	13,537.50
Aid to blind	1,164.00
Aid to dependent children	2,643.00
Foster care	53.00

Other Welfare Aid:

Cancer Fund	25.00
Crippled Children's Hospital	25.00
War Fund Campaign	200.00

Lunacy Commissions:

Compensation of members	71.20
	$ 23,951.25

Public Health:

Compensation of Registrars of Vital Statistics	119.50
Advancement of Agriculture and Home Economics:	
Compensation of Farm Demonstrators	1,920.00
Compensation of Home Demonstrator	700.02
Rent, etc.	68.60
	$2,688.62

Protection of Livestock and Fowls:

Compensation of Game Warden	300.00
Record books and tags	41.10
Bounty Claims	87.50
Fowl Claims	88.20
Livestock Claims	52.00
	571.80

Elections:

Compensation of Election officials	1,077.58
Rent of Election booths	5.00
Preparing - printing and posting voting lists etc.	114.88
	$1,197.46

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Wages of Janitor	473.70
Electric current	88.84
Insurance premiums - fire	135.00
Insurance premiums - Workmans Compensation	45.79
Repairs to buildings and upkeep of grounds	904.71
Water Service	158.77
Buildings materials and supplies	113.80
Fuel	584.37
	$ 2,484.98

Miscellaneous Operating Functions:

Bronze tablet - Bocock Memorial	60.30

Capital Outlay:

General Fund—

New Building (Cannery)	2,485.90
Equipment to buildings, etc.	1,958.95
	4,444.85

Schools:

Compensation of Superintendent	700.00
Transfers General Fund to School Fund	10,787.68
	$11,487.68
GRAND TOTAL	$ 59,704.27

Summary of Expenditures:

General Fund	24,014.74
Dog Tax Fund	571.80
Virginia Public Assistance fund	23,630.03
Transfers to Schools, etc.	11,487.68
	59,704.27

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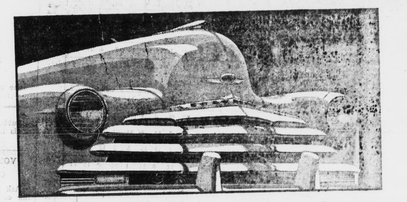
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